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25. March 1880.

My Dear Mr. Benson,

I received, a few days ago, your postal card calling my attention to certain members of the Men, and Council of Charleston, but had previously seen by your letter to the Mayor of that City, and the proceedings of the City Council, in relation to your communication, and have since seen the communication to the Council, of Messrs. R. N. Roundin, Simmons and others. In the News-Gazette, of yesterday, I observed that these gentlemen, or a Committee of them, had appeared before the Council, and made communication which it is said will be published, there after, and that the resolution of Mr. Rose, appointing a Committee to make arrangements for the removal of the remains of Mr. Calhoun had been rescinded by the Council.

I have not received any communication from anyone on the subject, and have not seen anything, excepting what has appeared in the News-papers, but from the rescinding of the resolution, I presume, that the remains will not be removed, and that the City Council, and the Citizens of Charleston will retain them, and erect the monument. It seems, also that the fund has not been diverted to other purposes, and

had improved, and that it has suffered no diminution, besides
that which could not be avoided by careful management.

I was in Washington City when Mr. Leathorn's remains were
brought to Charleston, but attended their removal to the Boat
on which they were transported, and attended by a Committee
from Charleston. I rode in a carriage to the Boat with the
Hon. L. S. son, and had the impression that Mr. L.'s family
consented to the remains being deposited in Charleston, but have
on no what authority that impression was made, have no recollection.
I am given little to delay in Charleston. I discovered
that the family of Mr. C. did not consent to that arrangement,
but I must infer from the last proceedings of the Council, that
evidence of consent must have been submitted, from some
one of the relations, if not from the immediate family of Mr. C.

I presume the promised publication of the matter submitted
to the Council by Mr. Goodwin & others, will contain something
on that subject.

I have always regarded the contributions for the monument
as a matter between the Committee for raising the fund, and
the contributors; and have never thought that the fund
would be available to such an extension.

I am quite well, and hope that you are likewise.

Sincerely your friend

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